



CROP-WEATHER REPORT

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AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Rainfall improves moisture supplies.

Sugarbeets three-fourths planted.

Pasture and range conditions improve.

Precipitation through Friday averaged above normal for most of the state. The week continued to be warm. Daytime highs were mostly in the mid 60's to mid 80's while nighttime temperatures dropped mostly into the upper teens and twenties.

Widespread snow and rain improved moisture supplies. As of April 24, 54 percent of the State had adequate or surplus topsoil moisture, jumping 12 points from last week, 20 points ahead of last year, and 6 points ahead of the 2000-2004 average. Irrigation water supplies were adequate in 53 percent of the state, up 6 points from last year and 10 points from the 5-year average.

SOIL MOISTURE TABLE

TOPSOIL	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	Percent			
Very Short	16	28	20	12
Short	30	30	46	40
Adeq	52	40	32	48
Surp	2	2	2	0

CROP PROGRESS TABLE

ITEM	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Barley Pltd	73	68	79	73
Barley Emgd	24	15	38	33
Oats Pltd	46	34	53	35
Oats Emgd	12	7	19	8
Spring Wheat Pltd	42	21	60	40
Spring Wheat Emgd	8	4	16	9
Winter Wheat Jnted	2	-	7	2
Sugarbeets Pltd	75	44	59	58
Sugarbeets Emgd	1	0	6	3
Corn Pltd	0	0	14	8

FIELD CROP REPORT: An average of 3.7 days were suitable for field work during the week. Sugarbeet, spring wheat, and oats planting continued ahead of average pace. Barley planting was even with average pace but behind last year. Barley emergence was at 24 percent, 14 points behind last year and 9 points behind average. The oats crop was almost half planted, 11 points ahead of average. Oats was 12 percent emerged, 7 points behind average. Spring wheat planting was at 42 percent, 2 points ahead of the average pace. Spring wheat emerged on 8 percent of the acres, 1 point behind average pace. Sugarbeet planting was three-fourths complete, up 16 points from last year and 17 points ahead of average.

Winter wheat condition improved slightly, and conditions remained much better than last year. Forty percent of the crop was in good condition and 5 percent excellent. Last year at this time, only 12 percent of the crop was in good condition. The 5-year average is 41 percent good.

CROP CONDITION TABLE

ITEM	V POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCEL
	Percent				
Winter Wht	2	10	43	40	5

LIVESTOCK PROGRESS TABLE

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Spring Calves Born	84	76	83	85
Farm Flock Ewes Lambed	88	83	87	86
Farm Flock Sheep Shorn	91	85	88	85
Range Flock Ewes Lambed	29	22	22	27
Range Flock Sheep Shorn	61	48	62	58

LIVESTOCK, PASTURE, AND RANGE REPORT: Range and pasture conditions were rated good or excellent in 17 percent of the State, up 1 point from last week, but down 3 points from last year, and down 7 points from the 5-year average. The percent rated very poor improved from 45 to 36 percent. Eighty-four percent of spring calves were born. Farm flock lambing and sheering were about 90 percent complete, ahead of average pace. Range sheep lambing and shearing were near average pace.

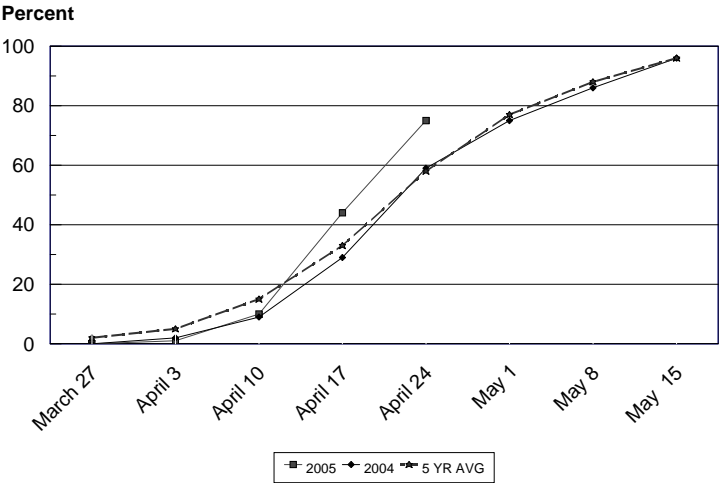
Calf losses were lighter than normal in 32 percent of the state, better than the 5-year average of 27 percent. Lamb losses were also better than normal with 22 percent of the state reporting lighter than normal losses, compared to the 5-year average of 20 percent.

PASTURE AND RANGE FEED

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	Percent			
Very Poor	36	45	14	12
Poor	20	16	24	23
Fair	27	23	42	41
Good	13	12	20	23
Excellent	4	4	0	1

WEATHER SUMMARY: For the week ending Friday, April 22, temperatures were above normal for most of the state. Temperatures ranged from 5.2 degrees below normal in Powell to 5.0 degrees above normal in Newcastle. The low temperature for the week was recorded in Jackson at 15 degrees, and the high temperature was 84 at Redbird and Torrington. Precipitation was above normal almost everywhere. The most precipitation fell in Redbird with 1.77 inches, Powell with 1.40 inches, and Kaycee with 1.16 inches. This week's precipitation brought several stations to near normal for the year.

Sugarbeets Planted



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDED APRIL 22, 2005

TEMPERATURE			PRECIPITATION								
	:	:	:	:	:	:	CUMULATIVE	1/			
	:	:	:	:	:	:	-----				
	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:			
	:	:	:	DEP.	AMT.	DEP.	1/05	:	NORM	:	
	:	:	:	FROM	PAST	FROM	TO	CURR	FROM	:	
STATION	:	MAX	:	MIN	:	NORM	WEEK	:	NORM	:	

SNAKE DRAINAGE											
Jackson		65		15		3.1	0.30	-0.03	3.07	4.58	-1.51
Afton		65		23		0.1	0.22	-0.18	4.47	5.34	-0.87
GREEN & BEAR DRAINAGE											
Uinta County AP		66		25		1.2	0.28	0.02	1.74	3.02	-1.28
Big Piney AP		66		19		2.1	0.30	0.18	2.87	1.58	1.29
Rock Springs AP		71		24		1.6	0.01	-0.25	1.58	2.63	-1.05
BIG HORN DRAINAGE											
Cody		74		28		-1.4	1.14	0.85	2.14	2.01	0.13
Deaver		80		25		-2.9	0.98	0.87	2.50	0.72	1.78
Greybull AP		81		26		-3.2	0.64	0.47	0.91	1.50	-0.59
Powell Field St		78		27		-5.2	1.40	1.25	2.20	0.94	1.26
Worland FAA AP		81		28		-3.4	0.97	0.75	1.82	1.49	0.34
POWDER, LITTLE MO. & TONGUE DRAINAGE											
Kaycee		80		26		-1.6	1.16	0.77	2.71	2.70	0.01
Sheridan WSO AP		81		25		-2.4	1.08	0.64	2.99	3.54	-0.55
BELLE FOURCHE DRAINAGE											
Sundance		79		32		3.2	0.81	0.25	2.32	3.96	-1.64
CHEYENNE & NIOBRARA DRAINAGE											
Newcastle		83		30		5.0	1.08	0.67	3.02	2.97	0.05
Redbird		84		26		3.3	1.77	1.29	2.91	2.91	0.00
LOWER PLATTE DRAINAGE											
Archer		78		23		3.3	0.78	0.37	2.42	3.16	-0.74
Casper AP		78		18		-2.6	0.66	0.27	1.73	3.22	-1.49
Cheyenne AP		74		29		3.4	0.54	0.15	1.44	3.07	-1.63
Chugwater		78		24		1.7	0.77	0.37	2.41	3.29	-0.88
Douglas AP		80		25		1.2	0.24	-0.16	1.15	2.86	-1.71
Torrington AP		84		29		2.4	0.69	0.29	1.44	2.60	-1.16
Wheatland 4 N		81		27		1.9	0.80	0.43	1.91	2.17	-0.26
WIND RIVER DRAINAGE											
Lander AP		73		27		-0.5	1.02	0.52	3.02	3.78	-0.76
Riverton AP		76		27		0.5	0.37	0.10	1.03	1.70	-0.67
UPPER PLATTE DRAINAGE											
Laramie AP		69		19		3.0	0.29	0.04	1.20	2.44	-1.24
Rawlins AP		70		19		1.9	0.05	-0.21	1.39	2.49	-1.10
Saratoga		70		23		3.1	T	-0.23	1.87	2.39	-0.52

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